HOUSE BILL 4013

By Armstrong

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 11, Part 2, relative to health care.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-201(23), is amended by deleting the subdivision in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(23) "Home medical equipment provider" means any person who provides home medical equipment services, including but not limited to such services as have been approved under the federal medicare program;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-201(24), is amended by deleting the subdivision in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(24) "Home medical equipment services" means a service, including but not limited to such services as have been approved under the federal medicare program, provided by any person who sells or rents home medical equipment for delivery to the consumer's place of residence in this state, regardless of the location of the home medical equipment provider;

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-226(a), is amended by adding the following language at the end of the subsection:

Nothing in this section shall authorize the board to impose any requirement that would prohibit a provider from participating in the federal medicare program.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring

it.